

## PATRICK E. HAGGERTY • 1914-1980



*Left to right: President Lederberg, President Emeritus Seitz, Patrick Haggerty, chairman of the board, in 1978.*

Patrick Eugene Haggerty, chairman of the University's board of trustees since 1975 and a trustee for the past decade, died on October 1 after a brief illness. He was 66 years old. Chairman of the board of Texas Instruments, Inc. from 1966 until his retirement in 1976, he was a world renowned innovator in the field of electronics and corporate management.

In his announcement to the campus community, President Lederberg paid tribute to the "vision and leadership" that "characterized Mr. Haggerty's career" and "was reflected in his enthusiastic service" to The Rockefeller. "We benefited greatly from his counsel and his active concerns for maintaining the University's unique strength."

On behalf of the trustees, David Rockefeller, chairman of the executive committee of the board and Mr. Haggerty's predecessor as chairman, praised his "deep perception of the University's needs and the skillful dedication he brought to the task of improving its potential and its opportunity for first-rank research."

Mr. Haggerty was born in Harvey, North Dakota on March 17, 1914. He received a B.S. degree, *summa cum laude*, from Marquette University in 1936. After graduation, he worked as a production manager and then as assistant general manager of the Badger Carton Company in Milwaukee. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Naval Reserve, where he became responsible for all procurement of Naval airborne electronic equipment.

In 1945, he joined Geophysical Service, Inc., the company that evolved into Texas Instruments. He was named executive vice president and director of Texas Instruments in 1951, president in 1958, and chairman in 1966. Under his leadership, the company made pioneering advances in the semiconductor field including the first commercially available silicon transistors and the development of germanium tran-

sistors, making possible the first pocket radio.

His expertise was often tapped for public service. He served on the President's Science Advisory Committee, was appointed in 1979 to the President's Commission on Three Mile Island and, earlier this year, to the Nuclear Safety Oversight Committee.

He was the recipient of many industrial and educational awards, including eight honorary degrees among which was one from his alma mater, Marquette, which gave him the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1966 and the Alumnus of the Year Award in 1972. In 1970, he was given the Brotherhood Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He was a life member of the Texas Academy of Sciences and served on the board of the University of Dallas. An ardent yachts-

man, he garnered many sailing trophies.

Frederick Seitz, president of the University during eight of Mr. Haggerty's ten years on the board, stated: "There are many illustrious and dynamic individuals among corporate leaders, but Patrick Haggerty was outstanding even within this group. He is best known publicly for his role in the evolution of Texas Instruments but those who knew him intimately understood clearly that his success in that role was an inevitable consequence of his enormous capacity to deal successfully with almost any cluster of problems. He was, in brief, a rare genius when judged by any standard. Rockefeller University owes him a great debt for the help he gave to all of us during the difficult years of the 1970s as we sought successfully to retain our distinction while assuring our solvency."

Mr. Haggerty is survived by his wife, Beatrice, five children, and 13 grandchildren.